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Africans slate meet on Angola

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UPI) — For the first time in its 14-year history, the Organization of African Unity has called an emergency summit to discuss only one topic: Angola.

Foreign ministers of the 46-member organization Thursday scheduled the issue — which threatens to escalate into a major East-West showdown — as the sole topic of this weekend's gathering of African heads of state.

Nineteen OAU states have already recognized the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola as legitimate rulers of the former Portuguese colony.

But states supporting the two pro-Western factions in Angola's bloody civil war are determined to block official OAU recognition of the Popular Movement.

The OAU has no precedent for granting recognition to any single liberator group, nor has the organization achieved success in solving previous major intra-state conflicts.

Russia has poured massive military aid into Angola and Moscow's urging, some 7,500 Cuban troops have joined Popular Movement forces.

Flexible approach seen for debate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon have settled on a flexible approach to next week's U.N. Security Council debate on the Middle East. But the approach falls short of a fully coordinated common front.

At the conclusion of their second round of talks Thursday, both Kissinger and Allon said they were satisfied with the outcome of their strategy after a thorough discussion.

Both sides agreed that a more than half-hour delay was needed for the United States to adopt.

Allon evidently failed to persuade Kissinger to commit the United States to veto any attempts by Arab countries to amend two key 1967 and 1973 U.N. Security Council Middle East peace resolutions to confer greater international status on the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Kissinger promised Israel's views will be taken with great seriousness. I'm

confident the outcome will be consistent with the security of Israel.

But he refused to give a total hard-line commitment, saying officials said the course of the U.N. debate is not clear, the United States wants to retain some flexibility and it must avoid overly antagonizing Arab negotiating partners.

The two foreign ministers, who first met in 1957 when Kissinger was a Harvard professor and Allon was a 16-year-old student, scheduled their final meeting at the State Department this morning.

Kissinger said the purpose of the breakfast meeting was to discuss "personal and bilateral" U.S.-Israeli matters.

Allon's effort has been to reinforce his government's request for sophisticated military equipment and its hardline toward the Palestine Liberation Organization. He met Thursday with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The union leaders resigned Thursday from the administration's construction industry labor-management committee and said the veto had lost Ford what is commonly known as "hard-hat support" in the presidential campaign.

Among them was Teamsters Union president Frank Fitzsimmons, a supporter of former President Richard Nixon. "If he (Ford) can't support labor, I don't know how labor can support him," Fitzsimmons said.

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labor-management compromise on the construction industry bill by promising Ford's support, was disgruntled when the President pledged to conserve pressure to veto the bill. The unions said it destroyed Dunlop's credibility.

The vetoed bill, known as "common situs picketing," would have allowed building trades union pickets to shut down an entire construction site in dispute with only one subcontractor.

Robert Georgine, president of AFL-CIO's Building Trades Department, said management leaders "fled and fled" on an agreement to support the bill and Ford then "double-crossed" the building trades unions by vetoing it.

Contract demanded

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The union leaders returned to work Monday or face fines starting at \$25,000 and increasing by \$10,000 for each day the strike continues. He said he would suspend the fines if they return as ordered, but held out the threat of jail terms if they do not comply.

Although the resumption of classes was ordered for Monday, the teachers were directed by school superintendent Jerry C. Olson to report for work at their regular time today.

Ford, who said the union would appeal the injunction and contempt rulings, said he would not ask the teachers to return to work until a new contract is negotiated.



Survey's delegates

SEN. HENRY M. "SCOOP" JACKSON, D., Wash., surveys a roomful of potential primary delegates on his first campaign visit to New Hampshire Thursday. Jackson was in the state to announce the formation of a slate of delegates favorable to him in the N. H. presidential primary Feb. 24. (UPI)

Sen. Robert Byrd joins hopefuls

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia is the latest to join the crowded field of candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. He becomes the 11th declared contender.

Byrd, the assistant Senate Democratic leader, signed his intentions last week when a campaign committee formally filed papers with the Federal Elections Commission.

He scheduled a news conference today to make the official announcement, with indications that he may limit the campaign to his home state. The choice of the news conference stated the subject would be the West Virginia primary May 15.

It is considered unlikely that Byrd, starting late and led to the Senate by his leadership post, plans to wage a national campaign for the nomination.

By picking up West Virginia's 33 delegates and perhaps some more in other states, Byrd could play a role at the national convention and offer himself as a possible compromise candidate or a vice presidential possibility.

The declared Democratic candidates already campaigning hard, are Sens. Henry M. Jackson of

Washington, Lloyd Bentsen of Texas and Birch Bayh of Indiana; Govs. Milton Shapp of Pennsylvania and George C. Wallace of Alabama; former Govs. Jimmy Carter of Georgia and Terry Sanford of North Carolina; former Sen. Fred Harris of Oklahoma; Rep. Morris K. Udall of Arizona; and 1972 vice-presidential candidate Sargent Shriver.

Sen. Frank Church of Idaho is expected to become the 12th candidate sometime in February when the Senate intelligence committee, which he chairs, completes its investigation.

Byrd, 58, was elected to the House in 1952 and to the Senate in 1958. He has since won re-election twice by huge margins and is considered a certain bet for fourth term this fall.

In 1971, Byrd pulled a political surprise by ousting Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., as assistant Senate Democratic leader and has been re-elected to the Senate Democrats' No. 2 spot twice without opposition.

A workhorse senator, he has taken over many of the tedious leadership chores from Democratic leader Mike Mansfield.

Politics centers on Massachusetts

By United Press International
Presidential contenders were peppered all over America today but some special attention was centered on Massachusetts.

That state's primary process, state officials list the names of those they deem to be candidates, potential candidates. Today was the deadline for listed persons to bow out if they are not running.

Ralph Nader already has done that — with a stinging rebuke. Sen. Charles McMathias, far away in San Diego, Calif., was milking some drama from the Massachusetts system with his announcement today whether he will stay in or get out of the race. Political sweepstakes of the Republican side.

Meanwhile, in Washington Sen. Robert Byrd, W. Va., called a news conference today to announce he will seek the Democratic nomination, although Byrd is expected to limit his campaign to West Virginia.

Nader, the consumer advocate, had to declare himself a non-candidate and he let Massachusetts officials know he did not approve of their system. "In a democracy it should not be up to politicians to turn citizens who are active in nonpartisan citizenship into partisan politicians."

"It is up to citizens themselves to decide whether they wish to become politicians running for office," Nader wrote.

There are plenty of those, so he already is in Massachusetts.

Alabama Gov. George Wallace was professing well, "I don't expect to do well." But his state's leader said Massachusetts was turning on to the Wallace issues — not just busing, but crime, unemployment, high taxes and the feeling of being fed up with big government.

Jimmy Carter, former governor of Georgia, took

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along a black Congressman from his state to make introductions in Boston black residential areas. He fielded frequent questions, many of them about how well a southerner could stand up to the Massachusetts cold wave.

Reagan continued to pledge an effort to squeeze federal bureaucracy to smaller proportions.

Elsewhere on the political map:

Sen. Hubert Humphrey said in a letter made public that he would just as soon New Hampshire primary voters pass up the state "favorable" to him and throw their support to one of the active candidates for the Democratic nomination.

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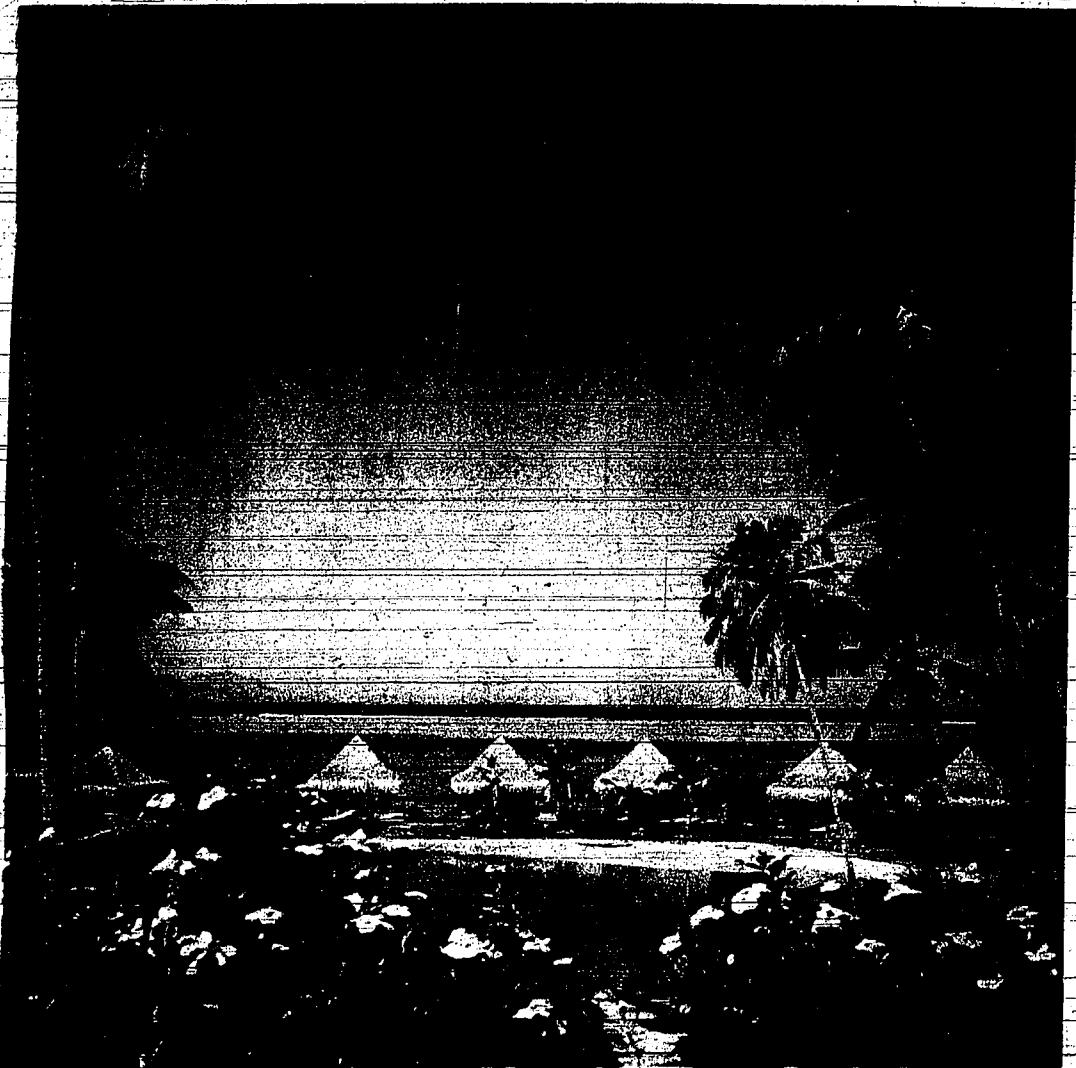
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